

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 10 and 11 have been allowed.

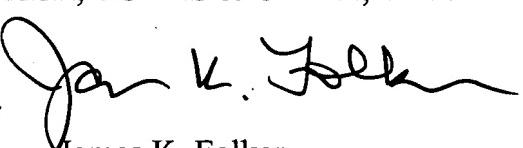
Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 7, 9, 17 and 19 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if amended into independent form, including all of the features of their associated independent claims and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 7, 9, 17 and 19 into independent form to include all of the features of their associated independent claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an indication of the allowance of Claims 7, 9, 17 and 19.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application, which includes Claims 7, 9, 10, 11, 17 and 19. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if any outstanding issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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